

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A semipermanent hair dye composition comprising the following components (A), (B), and (C):

(A) ~~a direct~~ at least one acid dye;

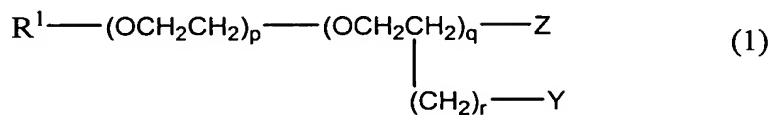
(B) a at least one hydrocarbon oil; and

(C) at least one polyoxyalkylene-modified dimethyl polysiloxane,

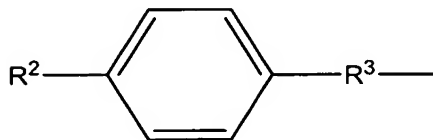
wherein the pH of the hair dye composition is within a range of 2 to 5 when it is diluted to 1/10-strength with water.

2. (Currently Amended) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 1, which further comprises:

(D) at least one organic solvent selected from a compound represented by the following general formula (1):



wherein R^1 is a hydrogen atom, a low alkyl group or a group represented by the following formula:

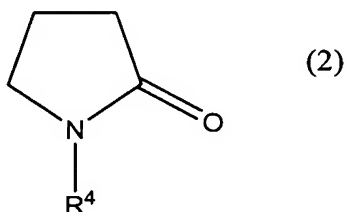


in which R^2 is a hydrogen atom, or a methyl or ethyl group, and R^3 is a single ~~bene~~ bond or a saturated or unsaturated hydrocarbon group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms,

Y and Z are, independently of each other, a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, and

P, q and r are, independently of each other, an integer of 0 to 5, with the proviso that the cases where p and q are 0, and Z is a hydrogen atom, and where p and q are 0, R^1 is a hydrogen atom, and Z is a hydroxyl group are excluded,

a compound represented by the following general formula (2):



wherein R^4 is a linear or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms,
an alkylene carbonate having 2 to 5 carbon atoms and
a 5- or 6- membered cyclic lactone which may be substituted by an alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy or
acyl group.

3. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 1, wherein
said acid dye is selected from the group consisting of Acid Red 27, Acid Red 51, Acid Red
18, Acid Red 92, Acid Red 94, Acid Red 52, Pigment Red 57-1, Acid Red 33, Acid Red 87,
Acid Violet 9, Food Red 6, Acid Red 26, Food Red 1, Acid Red 88, Acid Orange 7, Acid Red
95, Acid Yellow 23, Food Yellow 3, Acid Yellow 73, Acid Yellow 3, Acid Yellow 40, Acid
Yellow 1, Acid Yellow 36, Acid Yellow 11, Food Green 3, Acid Green 25, Solvent Green 7,
Acid Green 5, Acid Green 1, Acid Green 3, Food Blue 2, Acid Blue 74, Acid Blue 5, Acid
Blue 9, Acid Violet 43, Acid Black 1, Acid Blue 1, Acid Blue 3, Acid Blue 62, Acid Black
52, Acid Brown 13, Acid Green 50, Acid Orange 6, Acid Red 14, Acid Red 35, Acid Red 73,
Acid Red 184, and Brilliant Black 1.

4. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 1, wherein
said acid dye is selected from the group consisting of Acid Yellow 23, Acid Yellow 1, Acid
Orange 7, Food Green 3, Acid Green 25, Solvent Green 7, Acid Red 27, Acid Red 92, Acid
Red 52, Pigment Red 57-1, Acid Red 33, Food Blue 2, Acid Blue 9, Acid Violet 43, and Acid
Black 1.

5. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one acid dye is at a concentration ranging from 0.005 to 5% by weight.

6. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 5, wherein said at least one acid dye is at a concentration ranging from 0.01 to 2% by weight.

7. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 1, wherein said hydrocarbon oil is selected from the group consisting of liquid paraffin, liquid isoparaffin, and squalane.

8. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one hydrocarbon oil is at a concentration ranging from 0.1 to 20% by weight.

9. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 8, wherein said at least one hydrocarbon oil is at a concentration ranging from 0.5 to 10% by weight.

10. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 8, wherein said at least one hydrocarbon oil is at a concentration ranging from 1 to 5% by weight.

11. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 1, wherein said polyoxyalkylene-modified dimethyl polysiloxane has a polyoxyalkylene group bonded to a main chain of dimethyl polysiloxane.

12. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 11, wherein said polyoxyalkylene group is selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene and polyoxypropylene.

13. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 1, wherein said polyoxyalkylene-modified dimethyl polysiloxane has a HLB of 1 to 6.

14. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 1, wherein said at least one polyoxyalkylene-modified dimethyl polysiloxane is at a concentration ranging from 0.001 to 30% by weight.

15. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 14, wherein said at least one polyoxyalkylene-modified dimethyl polysiloxane is at a concentration ranging from 0.01 to 10% by weight.

16. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 14, wherein said at least one polyoxyalkylene-modified dimethyl polysiloxane is at a concentration ranging from 0.1 to 5% by weight.

17. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 2, wherein said organic solvent is a compound represented by general formula (1).

18. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 2, wherein said organic solvent is a compound represented by general formula (2).

19. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 2, wherein said organic solvent is a compound represented by general formula (1).

20. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 2, wherein said organic solvent is an alkylene carbonate having 2 to 5 carbon atoms.

21. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 2, wherein said organic solvent is a 5- or 6- membered cyclic lactone which may be substituted by an alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy or acyl group.

22. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 2, wherein said at least one organic solvent is at a concentration of 0.1 to 50% by weight.

23. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 1, further comprising:

(E) at least one anionic or nonionic water-soluble polymer.

24. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 23, wherein said at least one anionic or nonionic water-soluble polymer is present at a concentration of 0.01 to 10% by weight.

25. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 2, further comprising:

(E) an anionic or nonionic water-soluble polymer.

26. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 25, wherein said anionic or nonionic water-soluble polymer is present at a concentration of 0.01 to 10% by weight.

27. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 1, wherein said pH is adjusted by use of a pH adjuster selected from the group consisting of an organic acid, an inorganic acid, a salt of an organic acid, and a salt of an inorganic acid.

28. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 27, wherein said pH adjuster is present at a concentration of 0.01 to 10% by weight.

29. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition further comprises at least one additive selected from the group consisting of an ester oil, a silicone derivative other than component (C), a higher alcohol, and a fatty acid.

30. (New) The semipermanent hair dye composition according to Claim 29, wherein said at least one additive is present at a concentration of 0.1 to 20% by weight.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended.

Claims 3-30 have been added.

Claim 1 has been amended and is supported by previously pending Claim 1, as well as the specification at page 5, line 2 and page 9, lines 13-18. Claim 2 has been amended and is supported by previously pending Claim 2. New Claims 3-30 are supported by the specification at pages 2-17. For example, the following sections can be given specific mention for support: Claim 3 – page 3, line 27 to page 4, line 14; Claim 4 – page 5, lines 2-7; Claims 5-6 – page 5, lines 8-12; Claims 7-10 – page 5, lines 13-22; Claims 11-16 – page 5, line 27 to page 6, line 16; Claims 17-21 – page 6, lines 17-27 and original Claim 2; Claim 22 – page 8, lines 13-18; Claims 23-26 – page 8, line 19 to page 9, line 12; Claims 27-28 – page 9, line 13 to page 10, line 7; and Claims 29-30 – page 10, lines 8-27.

No new matter has been added.